

WASTE PICKERS AROUND THE WORLD

20 MILLION Estimates indicate close to 20 million PEOPLE WORLDWIDE EARN THEIR LIVING FROM RECYCLING WASTE.

Source: ILO (2013)



Waste pickers COLLECT, SORT, RECYCLE, REPURPOSE AND/OR SELL MATERIALS thrown away by others.

WASTE PICKERS CONTRIBUTE to city life through:



PROVIDING WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES



REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



CREATING THEIR OWN EMPLOYMENT

INTEGRATE WASTE PICKERS INTO CITY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Research shows WASTE PICKERS' LIVELIHOODS are negatively affected by:



INCINERATORS



FLUCTUATING PRICES



PRIVATIZATION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT



STIGMATIZATION

Source: Dias & Samson (2016)

Cities around the world have demonstrated that INCLUDING WASTE PICKERS IN CITY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IS POSSIBLE.

Source: Chikarmane (2012), Dias (2011), Parra (2015), Schamber (2012)

Waste pickers around the world are organizing for RECOGNITION, PAYMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES & SOCIAL INCLUSION

Source: Bonner & Spooner (2012)



Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing